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In re Application of:

Kutay F. Ustuner

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METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL  
ULTRASOUND IMAGING

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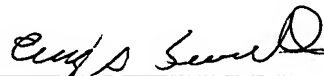
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Respectfully submitted,



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**REFERENCE DESIGNATION U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small>	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,555,534	09/10/01996	Maslak et al.		
	A2	5,675,554	10/07/1997	Cole et al.		
	A3	5,685,308	11/11/1997	Wright et al.		
	A4	5,873,830	02/23/1999	Hossack et al.		
	A5	6,511,426	01/28/2003	Hossack et al.		

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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